

North County Public Library Directors Organization
Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2008

Joan Kampnich called the meeting to order at 10:38 A.M.

Attendance: Joan Kampnich, Croghan, Linda Voorhees, Cape Vincent, Alice Barton, Clayton, Paul Schaffer, Massena, David Franz, Ogdensburg, Charlotte Garafalo, Gouverneur, Patricia Musante, Potsdam, Linda McCullough, Carthage, Kathy Paige, Madrid, Amy Degnan, NCLS, Steve Bolton, NCLS, Emily Owen, NCLS, Sandy Lamb, Black River, Sally Brown, Lowville

Minutes from the April 22, 2008 meeting were approved on a motion Alice Barton, seconded by Paul Schaffer

Committee Reports- none

Old Business

Gates Grant update- Steve Bolton reported for Jerry Schell. He clarified the manner in which the Gates money can be spent. Apparently many libraries thought that all the funds needed to be spent this year, but that is not the case. Funds can be “maintained” for up to four years.

Linda McCullough asked whether Gates funds can be spent on a computer which will be used as an OPAC. Steve felt that the computer could be used as an OPAC, but probably not exclusively as an OPAC. As long as the public can access the internet, play games, use Word, etc, it would be permissible.

New Business

NCLS Director’s remarks

Steve reminded everyone that the new printer has been received at NCLS. He distributed information on the proper procedure for having print jobs done and the corresponding price sheets. A minimum of two weeks lead time is required. Full color printing is now available- everyone is reminded that if there is any color on the page it will be considered a color print job and priced accordingly.

The NCLS survey results were distributed and discussed. Many people expressed an interest in having more delivery days, but Steve pointed out that it is very expensive to add additional vehicles, drivers, substitute drivers, etc. Additional funding at the State level might help this become a reality someday.

The bidding process has begun for the new driveway loop and parking area at the NCLS headquarters. We'll be seeing changes soon.

A subscription to Overdrive was proposed earlier, to be paid for jointly with CEFL. Since then CEFL has backed out and the cost for NCLS to do it alone is prohibitive. Steve is exploring other options.

YA Battle of the Books

Emily Owen announced that there will be a YA Battle of the Books using Stephenie Meyer's Twilight series during Teen Read Week in October. This was the idea of Krista Briggs from Canton and Emily would like to hear from other libraries who would be interested in participating. The movie of Eclipse will be in the theaters Dec 12th and there was discussion about the possibility of having a private showing for Book Battle participants.

Other new business

Amy Degan announced that the Oswego library will be opening 7/1

The foreign language program Rosetta Stone was discussed. Apparently it is no longer available for public library subscription. There was interest in finding something similar and several people will look further for other options.

Pat Musante asked the group for input regarding graphic novels in their libraries. The commonly expressed opinion was that they are very popular, and very hard to hold on to.

Charlie Garafalo encouraged everyone to join NYLA or renew their membership to same. First time membership fees are very reasonable.

Pat Musante brought up the topic of timers for use on the public access computers. Potsdam using one that is downloadable off the Internet and has had some luck with it., they no longer have be the "guardians" of whose computer time it is. Pat will supply more info later.

The next meeting will be after the annual meeting on October 4th.

Meeting adjourned at 12:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda E. Voorhees